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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hitomi CHIBA, et al.

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FILED: July 8, 2005

FOR: TAPE CARTRIDGE

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

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SIR:

Responsive to the notification dated **March 23, 2006**, and in accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 371, Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration and a Supplemental Application Data Sheet.

The required surcharge was paid at the time of filing the application.

Applicants also advise that there are no Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report. However, the claims were amended under Article 19. An English translation of the claims as amended was filed on July 8, 2005. A copy of our date-stamped filing receipt is attached.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Our check in the amount of \$-0.00- is attached hereto. If any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the required Government fee, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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The following has been received in the U.S. Patent Office on the date stamped hereon:

■ 19 pgs. Specification 7 Claims (English Translation) pgs. Sequence Listing

■ Application Data Sheet

■ Notice of Priority

■ Dep. Acct. Order Form

■ Credit Card Payment Form for \$1,030.00

■ Drawings (17 sheets)

■ PCT Transmittal Letter

■ Preliminary Amendment

■ PCT/IB/304

■ PCT/IB/308

■ Information Disclosure Statement

■ PTO-1449

■ Cited References (4)

■ International Search Report

■ Translation of Amendments to the Claims under PCT Article 19  
Amended Sheets (Pages 17 and 18)

■ Letter Submitting Replacement Drawing Sheet

■ Replacement Drawing (Sheet 12/17)

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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 07/08/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 07/08/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 07/08/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 07/08/2005
- Copy of Annexes to the IPER filed on 07/08/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 07/08/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 07/08/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 07/08/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 07/08/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 07/08/2005
- Specification filed on 07/08/2005
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- Abstracts filed on 07/08/2005
- Drawings filed on 07/08/2005

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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

Additionally the following defects have been observed:

- The translations of Annexes are canceled since the translations were not submitted prior to 30 months from the priority date.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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